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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the income tax imposed on social security benefits should not be increased.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. FIELDS of Texas, Mr. ROTH, Mr. KYL, Mr. LIGHTFOOT, Mr. ZIMMER, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. ROGERS, Mrs. VUCANOVICH, Mr. WALSH, Mr. DORNAN, Mr. ZELIFF, and Mr. CANADY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the income tax imposed on social security benefits should not be increased.

Whereas over 9,000,000 social security recipients would be adversely affected by the President's current proposal of an increase in the tax on social security benefits;

Whereas those affected by this tax increase would pay on average an extra \$483 per year;

Whereas without an inflation adjustment, the percentage of affected seniors who would in effect be taxed twice on the same income will rise significantly in 5 years;

Whereas under the President's current proposals, middle class senior citizens would be expected to pay more taxes

not only on social security benefits, but also on Medicare premiums and energy costs;

Whereas the proposed increase in the tax on social security benefits is the only part of the President's plan which is conceded to be a tax increase on a segment of the middle class;

Whereas many senior citizens on fixed incomes cannot be without these much-needed benefits in this current economic climate;

Whereas senior citizens have historically been the target of numerous measures to place on them heavy burdens, such as proposed freezes in their cost-of-living adjustment and the initial implementation of the tax on social security benefits;

Whereas such a tax increase would affect not only current middle- and upper-class senior citizens but also millions of future social security beneficiaries, and

Whereas almost three-quarters of all Americans oppose an increase in taxation on social security benefits: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
- 2 resentatives that the income tax imposed on social security
- 3 benefits should not be increased.

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